

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28596 / S1116

This legislation deals with the statutory requirement to expel any student who is found to have brought a weapon onto a school campus. The amendments are to align with the minimum requirements of the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act, which provides school boards and administrator's greater latitude to address students who are facing disciplinary/expulsion associated with the possession of a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon on school property. Because Idaho's statute expands the scope of mandatory expulsions to include weapons, there is no latitude and the school board must expel. This change would align Idaho's statute with the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act, and would confirm that a student does not automatically have to face expulsion but that there may be latitude by the school board to consider appropriate disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis.

FISCAL NOTE

Because this simply modifies a definition to align with the federal code, there is no known impact to the general fund.

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